Bank secrecy laws of Switzerland

2992. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that the Supreme Court of Switzerland has relaxed its strict bank secrecy laws Government propose to move the Switzerland Supreme Court to further relax its strict bank secrecy laws to enable India to get the names of the Indian Nationals/ Citizens who have bank accounts in Swiss Banks;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The Swiss Federal Law known as Federal Act on International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (IMAC) provides for rendering of mutual assistance in criminal matters where acts with respect to which assistance is sought satisfy the test of dual criminality and the State seeking assistance guarantees reciprocity to Swiss authorities. If the above conditions are satisfied, Swiss authorities would entertain requests for assistance in criminal matters under the provisions of IMAC and suitable proceedings could be initiated in Swiss courts for obtaining the requisite information from the concerned banks.

Government is initiating steps to enter into a treaty for mutual assistance in criminal matters with Swiss authorities, and pending conclusion of such a treaty/agreement entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Swiss authorities for assistance in specific cases of Indians having accounts in Swiss banks with funds obtained illegally.

Smuggled goods seized at airports

2993. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total value of smuggled goods seized at Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta airports during last year, and in the first quarter of the current financial year;

(b) what was the number of persons apprehended in this connection and how many of them have been convicted; and

(c) what are the details of the disposal of the seized goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The total value of contraband goods seized at Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta airports during the financial year 1986-87 and April-June, 1987 and the number of persons arrested are furnished below:—

	April, 1986 to March, 1987.	April-June, 1987
Total value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	29.81	6.80
Number of persons arrested.	591	167

The statistics pertaining to the number of persons convicted in connection with smuggling activities at the airports are not maintained separately. However, the total number of persons convicted in connection with smuggling activities within the jurisdiction of Collectorates of Customs at Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta, including the persons convicted in connection with smuggling activities at the airports during

the financial year 1986-87 and April-June, 1987 is given below:—

Total Number of persons convicted

April-1986-March, 1987.	April-June, 1987.
405	80

(c) The total value of confiscated goods disposed of (All India) during the years 1986 and 1987 (upto June) is given below:—

Year	Value of goods disposed of (Rs. in crores)
1986 . .	105
1987 . . (upto June)	55

Figures for 1987 are provisional.

Monitoring of the working of the private sector units

2994. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently directives have been given by the Ministry/PM to the financial institutions to monitor the working of the private sector units in which they have investments of big amounts;

(b) if so, what are the details of the instructions given to the financial institutions and by whom;

(c) what has been the response from the institutions; and

(d) what remedial action has been taken on those units which are on the verge of being non-viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The financial institutions, undertake regular monitoring of their assisted units in order to ensure that the assistance sanctioned to these units is properly utilised and assisted units run on sound financial lines. With a view to safeguarding the interest of the financial institutions as also to subserve the interest of sound public policy, the Government have laid down certain guidelines regarding appointment of nominee directors of the financial institutions in case of those assisted concerns in which institutions have substantial stake or which are going to run into problems. The financial institutions are expected to follow these guidelines. As regards remedial action against sick units, institutions evolve suitable rehabilitation packages in case of those sick units which are considered potentially viable. For units found to be non-viable, the institutions may have no other option but to recall their advances and enforce their securities by taking legal action.

Lack of civic amenities in Delhi Cantonment

2995. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven to eight hundred families living in servant quarters attached to Military Officers' bungalows in the Delhi Cantonment area do not have adequate facilities of water, electricity, sewerage, etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work of laying sewer lines in Delhi Cantonment was reported to be completed as far back as 1983 but no connections have been given so far to the residents there; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken so far to provide such amenities to the residents?